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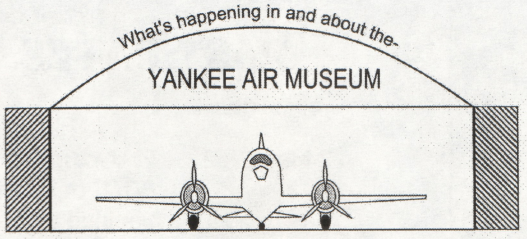


Hangar Happenin's

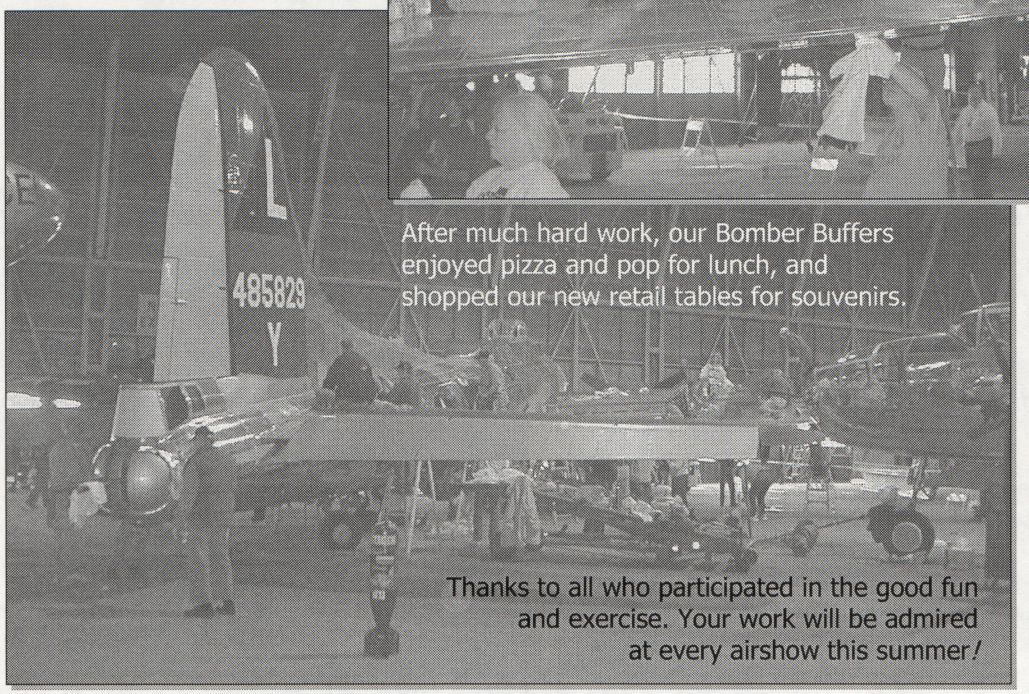
MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WING ...

REFLECTIONS OF OUR 9TH ANNUAL POLISHING PARTY

Our Polishing Party on Saturday April 2nd was more than a bit unusual this year...Hangar 2 is heated! The MOTHERS® MAG & ALUMINUM POLISH went on easier and we were comfortable wearing t-shirts.

Dozens of early birds signed in before 9AM to help, and a total of over 160 people showed up to polish every square inch of our B-17 Flying Fortress *Yankee Lady* and our C-47 Skytrain *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

ROBERT J. WEIL (2)



After much hard work, our Bomber Buffers enjoyed pizza and pop for lunch, and shopped our new retail tables for souvenirs.

Thanks to all who participated in the good fun and exercise. Your work will be admired at every airshow this summer!

The B-25 crew was working on the *Yankee Warrior*, not ready for polishing. The Mitchell seems to be watching with pride as our Yankee volunteers shine on!

May 2005

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

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2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

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3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

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4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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2 May 1952	First **commercial jet passenger service**: BOAC deHavilland Comet from London, England to Johannesburg, South Africa
3 May 1952	First successful aircraft landing at the North Pole: a **C-47***!*
5 May 1866	Civil War dead honored in Waterloo, New York, considered first **Memorial Day**
5 May 1961	**Alan Shepard, Jr.** makes first US manned space flight
6 May 1937	Explosion of the airship ***Hindenburg*** at Lakehurst, New Jersey
8 May 1945	**VE Day** World War II Victory in Europe
14 May 1908	First **passenger flight** in a Wright aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
14 May 1941	**Women's Army Corps** formed
20 May 1951	**Capt. James Jabara** in F-86 downs his fifth MiG-15 to become first USAF jet ace
21 May 1927	**Charles Lindbergh** completes solo flight from New York across Atlantic Ocean to Paris, France
May 1950	Third Saturday in May proclaimed **Armed Forces Day** by President Truman
May 1971	Last Monday in May named US national **Memorial Day**

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At our April meeting: 50/50 winner was
DWIGHT KOSLOWSKI
who donated his prize to our Stinson.
KEITH JONES *and* ***BILL HANNEY***
won 2 Detroit Tigers tickets each.
CAROL GUENTHER *won a ticket to our Italian Bistro Café.*

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HAVE ANY NEWS FOR OUR JUNE ISSUE ?
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TEXT AND PHOTOS
WELL BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 13TH.

The Hangar 2 Report

*by **Jon Stevens** L 4172 WR*

DAVE STONOSKI

As full as this issue is, I'll keep it short this month*!*

At the end of March, our Volunteer Coordinator **Don Brackett** and I attended the annual *Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums Seminar,* which was held at the *MUSEUM OF FLIGHT* in Seattle, Washington, this year. As always, there were many excellent sessions, and we both got a lot out of it. We'll be sharing more on this over the next few months.

Just as importantly, we had the chance to visit several other museums, both large and small. Besides the *MUSEUM OF FLIGHT*, we also visited the *PEARSON AIR MUSEUM* (Vancouver, Washington), *TILLAMOOK AIR MUSEUM* (Tillamook, Oregon) and the *EVERGREEN AIR MUSEUM* (McMinnville, Oregon). Not only did we experience a tour the public rarely gets of Howard Hughes' *Spruce Goose,* we also got to see how several other museums do their job. This in turn gives us a better perspective on how we can improve in our jobs.

We had two events that took place on Saturday, April 2nd that deserve mention.

Our 9th Annual Polishing Party during the day came off without a hitch. Around 200 members and guests broke out the MOTHERS® MAG & ALUMINUM POLISH and worked on the planes with a lot of TLC. Our thanks go out to **Dan Tomczak** for once again coordinating the event, and to our Security Department — **Bob Campbell**, **William Chopp**, **Bob Laird**, **Jane Spires**, **Bill Tonak**, **Mike Weiss** and **Todd Wilber** — for keeping it safe.

That evening was our first benefit concert and auction, held at *The Village Theater at Cherry Hill* in Canton, Michigan. What a great evening it was*!* Over 170 tickets were sold, and despite both Michigan State University competing in the Final Four round and memorial coverage for Pope John Paul II, we had a great turnout.

TENDER LOVING CARE

Several people donated their efforts on our behalf, and it showed. I want to especially thank **Debbie Stewart** and **Bob Hynes** for coordinating the event, Jennifer Tobin and her staff at *The Village Theater at Cherry Hill* for their help, and *Michigan Aerospace Foundation* President **Dennis Norton** for bringing out the latest concept drawings of our new facilities planned for the east side of Willow Run Airport.

Also on hand were **Bob** and **Denise Lutz.** They've been members and great supporters of *YANKEE AIR MUSEUM* over the years, and they helped make the auction a big success. Thanks again*!*

APRIL 2ND AT *THE VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL*
ENJOYING THE RECEPTION, FOLK & BLUES CONCERT AND AUCTION

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Ev Kennedy, Ron Coden, Marie Kennedy

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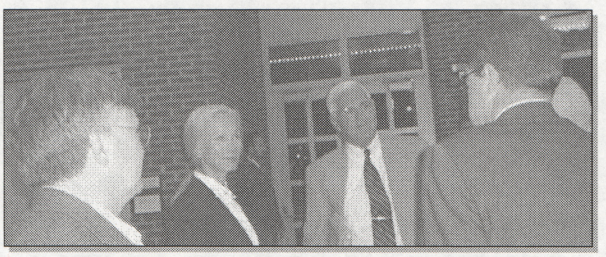
Don Brackett, Debbie & Dick Stewart



Dennis Norton, Denise & Bob Lutz, Jon Stevens

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UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEPING 'EM FLYING*!*

BOARD REPORT

16 March 2005
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:40 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
State of Purpose
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: 23 February 2005
Mid-Michigan Discussion
Air Force Museum Letter
Michigan Aerospace Foundation Presentation
Curator's Position Discussion
Liquor Licenses for Vietnam & *Thunder* events
B-17 Replacement Nose
Finance Committee Nomination
President's Report
Divisional Liaison Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Board Members' Comments
All Members' Comments
Adjournment

Mid-Michigan

The Board went into executive session for a briefing by legal counsel and discussion of the status of the Mid-Michigan division. A committee of **Jon Stevens**, **Bill Hanney** and **Dick Stewart** was formed to resolve the issue forthwith.

Air Force Museum Letter

The Board remained in executive session for a discussion concerning a letter received from the *National Museum of the United States Air Force* regarding its assets destroyed in the fire. A committee of **Jon Stevens**, **Ray Hunter** and **Dave Steiner** was formed to communicate with the *NMUSAF*.

Curator's position

The Board discussed at length the value of the Curator's position in regard to the benefits such a person has to the museum and the present and future position and perception of the Yankee Air Museum. A vote affirmed the Board's strong desire to continue with the position for the good of the Museum.

Liquor licenses for Vietnam event and *Thunder* 2005

Application for state permits for beer and wine sales at these events were approved. Yankee has received many of these temporary licenses. The cost for the licenses, insurance and other permits that relate to them is less than $1000 per event.

B-17 replacement nose "glass"

A spare nosepiece for the B-17 was lost in the fire. It would take about three months to get a replacement. If an incident such as a bird strike occurred and the aircraft were grounded for a period while awaiting a new one, the revenue potential of the aircraft would be severely affected, something Yankee Air Museum certainly relies on. So crew chief **Norm Ellickson** thought it a good idea to order a new piece.

Finance report

Treasurer **Les Klima** nominated director **Ray Hunter** to the Finance Committee and the nomination was approved. Les reported that the Museum had income of $60K for the month of February 2005 (many donations and airplane ride pre-bookings) and expenses of only $44K, so we made $16K. We avoided any large expenses in February, and the result was a very good month for the middle of winter.

Michigan Aerospace Foundation

The Yankee Air Museum site concepts that the *Michigan Aerospace Foundation* architects have drawn were presented to the Airport Authority by **Dennis Norton** and others and were favorably received. They will be subject to a review process in conjunction with the airport master plan. Following approval, *MAF* will be holding a news conference this spring for a formal unveiling.

Vice President's report

Dick Stewart reported that we acquired more space in Hangar 2, but had to give up some space to get that (a net gain), so we are working with the airport and we are certainly grateful for all their consideration. The fire was not easy on them either, and they've had near record snowfall to deal with this winter after losing many of their trucks. A Security office near the front door will be very useful and room for a greatly needed retail storage area is now ready for merchandise. Yankee Air Museum Store manager **Dale Worcester** has been given permission to have a store in the lobby area where a limited number of items may be displayed.

The Long-Range Planning Committee's site plan for a temporary structure on the east side of the airport was presented to the Airport Authority for review. The initial response was favorable. Brief access to the site was to be permitted on March 17th. Plans call for the first phase of site clean-up to begin in early April and conclude by mid-May.

Any aircraft acquisition must go through our Aircraft Acquisition Committee. Contact chairman **Bill Wier** at **yamwier@wowway.com**.

Division news

Joe Leugers reported that Willow Run Division crews are getting our aircraft ready to fly. The "glass" area of the B-17 tail is being refurbished. *MAC Tools* and *Chicago Pneumatic* have donated a substantial supply of new tools to us, and the contributions are continuing.

The Saginaw Division will donate an extra dog tag machine to Yankee Willow Run. Dog tags are a great source of revenue for Yankee.

Kevin Walsh reported the Florida Division is considering forming their own 501(c)(3) corporation which would make them a separate entity from Yankee Willow Run/National. They are in good shape financially. The many artifacts they have collected would remain at their location. The *Collings Foundation* planes are to be hosted by the Florida Division this spring.

Display Aircraft History Series

The BOEING B-52D STRATOFORTRESS

by Roger Peterson

TYPE HISTORY

As early as 1945 the Army Air Force began the search for a plane to replace the B-36.

By 1948, Boeing was asked to submit a design for an all-jet powered bomber. Thus was born what would become the B-52.

The first two prototypes, the YB-52 and XB-52, first flew in 1952. They looked like greatly scaled up B-47s with the pilot and co-pilot seated in tandem under a bubble canopy. The first production aircraft, the B-52As, which began flying in 1954, had the fuselage lengthened by three feet and utilized the side-by-side seating used in every subsequent model.

Production of the B-52 ended in September 1962 when the last plane (a B-52H) was manufactured.

The B-52 can only be called an unqualified success and after entering service it soon acquired the affectionate nickname of BUFF (Big, Ugly, Fat Fellow). Perhaps the B-52 (like the DC-3) should also be called the *Methuselah of the Air*. It is truly amazing that combat aircraft whose basic design dates back to the late 1940s remain in frontline service today in the 1990s. A standing joke among today's B-52 crews is that the BUFF is the only active aircraft in the U.S. Air Force where if the flight crew looks hard enough they might find their father's (or maybe even their grandfather's) signature in the flight log.

SPECIFICATIONS (B-52D)

Type: Intercontinental bomber
Maker: Boeing Aircraft Company
Wingspan: 185 feet
Wing Sweepback: 36 degrees
Length: 156 feet
Height: 48 feet
Maximum Weight: 450,000 pounds
Empty Weight: 171,666 pounds
Powerplant: Eight 10,000-pound thrust Pratt & Whitney J57 jet engines
Performance: 650 miles per hour
Fuel Capacity: 41,550 gallons
Range: 6,000+ miles (un-refueled)
Armament: Four 50-caliber machine guns (tail turret)
Payload: 60,000 pounds (with eighty-four 500-pound bombs)
Altitude: Above 50,000 feet
Crew: Six (Pilot, Co-pilot, Navigator, Radar Navigator, Electronic Warfare Officer, and Gunner)
Number Produced:

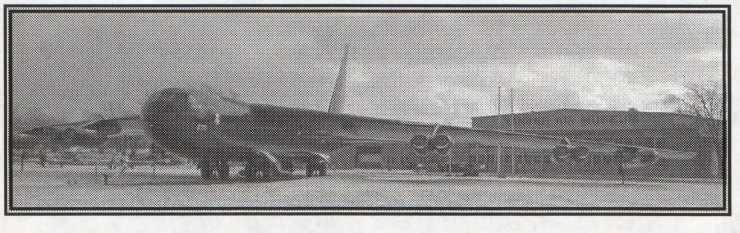
B-52A: 3
B-52B: 50
B-52C: 35
B-52D: 170
B-52E: 100
B-52F: 89
B-52G: 193
B-52H: 102

Total: 742

SERVICE HISTORY

Our example was built by Boeing Aircraft Company as A.F. Serial No. 55-677 at Wichita Kansas and delivered to the U.S. Air Force on August 1, 1957. She flew over 600 combat missions during the Vietnam War, during one of which she reportedly came home with a SAM (Surface-to-Air Missile) wedged in her wing. Her last active assignment was with the 96th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas. On 26 October 1983 she made her final flight from Carswell AFB, Texas to Willow Run Airport and is now on permanent display at the Yankee Air Museum. This flight may well have been the last flight made by a D-model BUFF. We are fortunate to have one of these impressive aircraft on loan from the United States Air Force Museum. On Memorial Day 1984, the B-52 was dedicated as an everlasting memorial to all aircrews who lost their lives in Southeast Asia. To our static aircraft crews, our B-52 is affectionately known as *"CLYDE"* because during preservation work it was discovered that her last crew had given the plane that name. A massive corrosion control, cleaning and repainting operation has been completed.

2004 Photo by **DAVE STEINER**



*The **B-52** survived the fire and stands as proud sentinel of our static airpark, awaiting the return of Yankee Air Museum.*

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

		C-47!	May 19	YAF member trip-EAA AirVenture Museum		Oshkosh, WI
		C-47!	May 20-22	Selfridge ANGB Airshow	BA	Mt Clemens, MI
B-17!			May 25	Michigan Aeronautics Commission mtng		Lansing, MI
B-17!			May 27-30	American Airpower Museum dsply-FLEX		Farmingdale,NY
	B-25!	C-47!	May 28	Trenton Mem Day Parade Flyby - 10:00		Trenton, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	**May 30**	YAF **Memorial Day** Open House		Willow Run, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	May 30	Dearborn Mem. Day Parade Flyby 10:00		Dearborn, MI
B-17!			May 31-02	Mid Atlantic Air Museum dsply -FLEX		Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun 03-05	WWII Commemorative Weekend -FLEX		Reading, PA
		C-47?	Jun 07	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jun 11-12	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX		Indiana, PA
		C-47?	Jun 14	YAF member trip-EAA AirVenture Museum		Oshkosh, WI
B-17!		C-47!	Jun 17-19	MAPS Aero Expo 2005 -FLEX		Akron, OH(AKR)
	B-25!		Jun 18	airport open house/static dspl-FLEX		Sidney, OH
	B-25!		Jun 19	Michigan Int'l Speedway Flyby-NASCAR		Brooklyn, MI
		C-47?	Jun 21	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jun 24-26	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX		Jamestown, NY
B-17!			Jun 25-26	EAA 582 Plane Fun Fly-In (1G0)-FLEX		Bowling Grn,OH
		C-47?	Jun 25	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
		C-47?	Jun 26	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 08-10	U.S. Aviation Mus Airshow(LNN)-FLEX		Willoughby,OH
		C-47?	Jly 12	YAF member trip to Wings of Eagles		Elmira, NY
		C-47?	Jly 19	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jly 20-24	aircraft static display -FLEX		Charlevoix, MI
B-17!			Jly 22-25	Air Expo 2005 - Wings / North -FLEX		EdenPrairie,MN
		C-47!	Jly 24	Cranbrook Flyby - car show 11:30		BloomfldHls,MI
		C-47?	Jly 26	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island		Mackinac, MI
		C-47?	Aug 02	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 06-07	"Thunder Over Michigan" Airshow-FLEX		Willow Run, MI
B-17!			Aug 13	Wurtsmith Div Static Display -FLEX		Oscoda, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 14	Pontiac Airport Open House -FLEX		Waterford, MI
		C-47?	Aug 16-17	YAF member trip to NASM Museums		Dulles, VA
B-17!		C-47!	Aug 19-21	EAA Chapter 55 Static Display -FLEX		Mason, MI
		C-47?	Aug 23	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17!			Aug 26-28	Indianapolis Airshow 2005	BA	Mt Comfort, IN
		C-47?	Aug 30	member trip to Tri-State Warbird Mus		Batavia, OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Sep 02-05	Cleveland National Airshow	TB	Cleveland, OH
B-17!			Sep 09-11	Airport Static display - (VNW)-FLEX		Van Wert, OH
		C-47?	Sep 13	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island		Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Sep 16-19	NJ Aviation Hall of Fame dsply-FLEX		Teterboro, NJ
		C-47?	Sep 20	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25?		Oct 08-09	Fall Color Tour Flights		Willow Run, MI
	B-25?		Oct 15-16	Fall Color Tour Flights		Willow Run, MI
	B-25?		Oct 22-23	Fall Color Tour Flights		Willow Run, MI

! Confirmed **?** Undetermined **FLEX** Flight Experiences **BA** US Navy *Blue Angels* **TB** US Air Force *Thunderbirds*

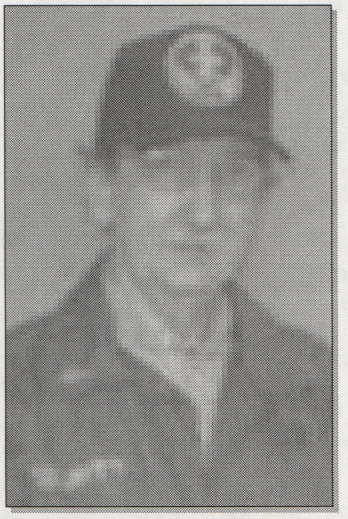
To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everyone can go at the same time.

The ***2005 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request*** forms are available in the Yankee office at Hangar 2. Completed request forms must be returned to **Dale Worcester**. Please do not request an airshow that has not yet been confirmed (**!** = confirmed, as indicated in the latest schedule above).

*Dates listed above were current as of 21 March 2005 via **Todd Hackbarth**.*

Dale Worcester
Airshow Aircrew Coordinator

SECURITY DEPARTMENT KEEPING YANKEE AIR MUSEUM SAFE AND SOUND

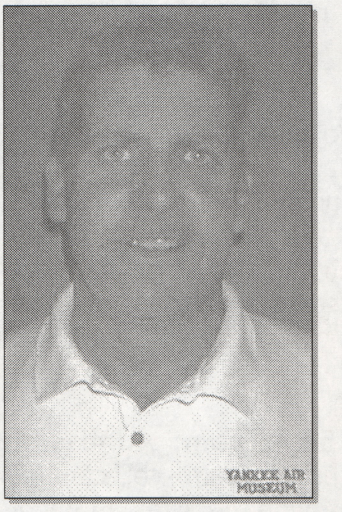


BILL TONAK

The Security Department of Yankee Air Force, Inc. is headed by two very dedicated members: **William (Bill) Tonak** as the Director and **Robert (Bob) Campbell** as the Assistant Director.

Bill Tonak joined the Yankee Air Force in June of 1987, and has been with Security since day two. He spent his first day sweeping out the hangar in preparation for an upcoming event (with **Keith Jones**, of course).

Bill's time was spent under the fine leadership of **Tom Shattock**. Working his way up through Security gave him the footing to take over the department head position when Tom moved on. He commented that he is very fortunate to have **Robert Campbell** aboard. Robert has great leadership and security skills, and is a fine person to work with (more on Robert later).



ROBERT CAMPBELL

Bill came out of the Army as a Sergeant E-5, and then worked as a machinist and machine builder. These skills hardly qualified one for security, but gathering much knowledge from the endless supply of talented people he worked with at the hangar put him where he is today, as the head of Yankee Air Force Security.

In the past few years you have probably seen many changes in Security. As the Museum grows, so do they. The Security Department is taking on more and more responsibilities and continuing to move in new directions in order to better serve the Yankee Air Force family.

Robert (Bob) Campbell became a member of the Yankee Air Force in December of 1996. For the first two years, he worked for **John Day**.

One day he asked **Bill Hanney** for something to do for the Memorial Day Open House and Bill suggested that he check with the Security Department. After meeting the fine people in the department, he was invited to come on board and the adventure began. Robert also started under the direction of **Tom Shattock**. The following year **Bill Tonak** took over as director of the department and he said it has been an honor to have learned under Bill's leadership.

Robert's assignments included ramp safety, aircraft retrieval, radio procedures, event uniforms and security procedures. After developing skills in all of these areas, he worked himself up in rank to where he is today, the Assistant Director of Security of the Yankee Air Force.

There is no pay for the job, but the rewards are priceless. He has flown in three of Yankee's aircraft (our B-17, B-25, and C-47). He has also been invited to fly on visiting aircraft during our airshows, an opportunity one only gets once in a lifetime.

Our Security Department has been quite busy since the night of the fire, October 9, 2004. Securing the remainder of the museum site was just the start – work has been made easier by the help of the staff in setting up their new office in Hangar 2.

The Security office is now located just off the main lobby in Hangar 2. Office improvements have been made possible by **Bob Richards**, **Lewis Major**, and **Patrick Gannon**, among others. Many thanks from the Security Department to all of them.

The department is looking forward to an accelerated events-driven flying season (i.e. Polishing Party, Variety Show, and Spaghetti Dinner, to name a few). Other upcoming events include our Memorial Day Open House, the Vietnam Traveling Wall Weekend, *Thunder Over Michigan*, and others yet to be scheduled.

You, too, can be a part of this team. An investment of your time has many rewards. If interested in becoming part of the Security team, stop by our Security office in the Hangar 2 lobby and pick up an application.

Jane Spires

Next Month: **Kim Wahtera** reports on Yankee Air Museum Membership.

Thunder Over Michigan 2005

Volunteer Round-Up at Hangar 2 on Saturday, June 25th at 1 PM

Volunteers are needed for *Thunder Over Michigan 2005!* But you don't need to wait for our volunteer round-up on June 25th or even attend it to get signed up. E-mail **Dave Steiner** at **dsteiner@blackmoreco.com** or phone him at **(734) 645-1150** (weekends only) or leave a message at the Yankee desk **(734) 483-4030** for Dave Steiner to call you to serve on one or more of the groups needed for this year's show.

The A Team: Admissions

The A-Team collects money/tickets as cars come through the gates. A buddy system makes it very quick, easy and efficient. This is a very important job as we make the first impression on our air display patrons and work to quickly get them to the parking areas. Many of those who worked last year said they would do it again this year. We actually had a lot of fun, and did such a great job that Yankee Vice President **Dick Stewart** authorized a 110% pay raise for the entire team (that's 110% x zero so it didn't amount to much, but it's the thought that counts, right?). Volunteers work a four-hour shift Saturday or Sunday, morning or afternoon, and the rest of the weekend they can enjoy the show. A few people worked a shift each day as there weren't quite enough people to cover all the time required.

A small crew is also needed for admissions only on Friday/arrival day if you want to get some experience before Saturday.

F Troop: Flag people for parking

This will be a new responsibility this year since the crew we've had in years past (who park cars at *Michigan International Speedway*) bowed out this year as the event is getting too large for their group (and the A-Team worked them pretty hard last year). Basically, they'll be "flagging" the cars into the fields and getting them parked in rows. We'll need quite a few people to do this as the A-Team processes cars pretty fast and sometimes the delay is getting the cars parked. So we'll be parking cars into several fields at once and probably need 3-4 people per field. This volunteer duty will comprise 3-4 hour shifts, morning/early afternoon as well.

Symposium set-up

As Yankee is graciously being loaned the *MARLIN AIR* hangar for the *Thunder* symposium this year, we have it for only one day and tables/chairs/speakers platform must be set up and taken down on Saturday afternoon/evening. So there is a crew required for that. We'll probably want 18-24 people to get the job done quickly.

Garbage Grunts

A crew is needed to handle the garbage and deposit can boxes, etc. so that the rubbish clean-up on Sunday at show's conclusion isn't such a big task. This crew will do a "sweep" of the area several times a day. It will be an all-day job (or at least mid-morning to late afternoon), but most of the time you'd just be cruising the pedestrian areas near the ramp (good view of the show and airplanes) to keep things tidy. At pre-arranged times, the Garbage Grunts will meet to make a collection run and take the rubbish to the large dumpsters.

All volunteers are fed lunch if their shift ends, begins, or goes through the lunch hour, plus all the bottled water you need. We've got a job for everyone, so please don't hesitate to give us a call. Thanks for volunteering. You'll have fun and really help YOUR organization. Yankee volunteers are a great bunch*!*

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT?
NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?

Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed*!*

(248) 425-2855
donb-38@sbcglobal.net

If you have a job to be done, Don suggests that you write up a brief description of what you need done, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Don will match a volunteer to the job*!*

Thunder Over Michigan 2005

★ Saturday August 6 ★ Sunday August 7

WORLD'S LARGEST GATHERING OF WWII HEAVY BOMBERS

HONORING THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA'S VICTORY IN WWII

★ **FEATURING:**

- Seven B-17 Flying Forts
- Two B-24 Liberators
- B-29 Superfortress
- Five B-25 Mitchells
- Ju 52
- Grumman Duck
- C-47 Skytrain
- Four P-51 Mustangs
- Three P-47 Thunderbolts
- FJ-4B Fury

and many, many more

★ **LOCATION:**
Willow Run Airport
Belleville, Michigan

For the latest information and complete aircraft listing, see our website:
WWW.YANKEEAIRMUSEUM.ORG
or call (734) 483-4030

More on the Vietnam Wall appearing at Yankee Air Museum

There are several different organizations that take scale models of the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC around the country. The 80%-scale Wall that will be erected near our old Hangar site is the largest Wall replica in the United States and has never been to southeast Michigan before. It is 380 feet long and 8 feet tall at the apex. Operated by a non-profit organization, *The Traveling Wall Foundation*, its home base is in Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Mission: ***"The Traveling Wall Foundation is organized to honor US military veterans, past and present, to further the appreciation and understanding of those who have served our country and their experiences through educational outreach activities."***

To find out more about the moving Vietnam Wall coming to Yankee Air Museum next month, visit THE WALL web-site: **www.avtt.org**. Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the free Wall and the Saturday symposium that will benefit Yankee Air Museum.

Volunteers needed for Vietnam event*!*

We need volunteers to help assemble, host and dismantle the Wall. We also need volunteers to assist with the symposium logistics, ticket-taking, set-up and take-down. We are getting assistance from many local Vietnam Veterans organizations to host the Wall itself, but extra hands are always needed and welcome to make sure the event goes smoothly. Please contact volunteer coordinator **Don Brackett** at **donb-38@sbcglobal.net** or **(248) 425-2855** or e-mail **Dave Steiner** at **dsteiner@blackmoreco.com** or leave a message at the Yankee desk in person or **(734) 483-4030** to have your call returned.

Enclosed is my check for **YAM Vietnam Symposium** tickets:

_____ tickets X **$50**/ticket = _____ total enclosed

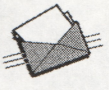
_____

Name

_____

Phone

Send to: **YAM – Vietnam Symposium**
P O Box 590 Belleville MI 48112-0590



Enclose a stamped, pre-addressed envelope.
Requests must be postmarked by May 10th or tickets will be held at the door. To charge by phone: **(734) 483-4030**.

Sid McBride greets his customers with enthusiasm and a smile!

Where do you buy your bagels?

If you live in or near Ann Arbor and love bagels or fragels, ***Bagel Fragel*** on Plymouth Road is the place you'll want to get them*!* Owner **Sid McBride** not only agreed to place a donation canister in the store, but is also matching all donations in the canister, and challenging customers to put big bills in it*!* His father Larry was a paratrooper and Sid says helping the Yankee Air Museum rebuild is the least he can do to honor his father's service. So far, he has matched more than $100. Thanks, Sid*!*

There are still plenty of donation canisters available for Yankee Air Museum members to place at businesses in their community. Canisters may be signed out at Hangar 2. For more information, just contact **Jane Spires** at **ejspires@yahoo.com** or phone the Yankee Air Museum office **(734) 483-4030** and leave a message for Jane to return your call.

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Honoring Vietnam Veterans
All Our Armed Forces

proudly presents

The Traveling

VIETNAM WALL

The Wall That Heals

Hosted by: Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth / Canton chapter 528

Opening Ceremony June 3rd, 2005 6:00pm

Honor Guard – F-16 Flyover – Veteran's Remarks

Willow Run Airport

Free Display 24 hrs/day

Ecorse at Beck Road

Closing Ceremony June 5th, 6:00pm

Honor Guard – Bag Piper – Taps

Brig Gen Robin Olds
CO - 8th TFW

June 4th, 2005 - 5:00 pm

Symposium & Dinner

4 MiGs/Vietnam
WW II Ace

Limited Seating – $50.00 each

*Advance Tickets Only** Call YAM @ 734-483-4030

Send Checks to YAM-Vietnam Symposium, PO Box 590, Belleville, Mi. 48112-0590

*Proceeds to Benefit Yankee Air Museum www.yankeeairmuseum.org

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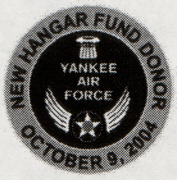

Round emblem is 4 inches in diameter and is embroidered on the left chest. Wing emblem measures 4 by 10 inches and is embroidered on the back. To see the designs in color go to *yankeeairmuseum.org* and click on *Yankee Store.*

EMBROIDERED NEW HANGAR FUND DONATION JACKET **$139.00** **$147.34 Michigan residents**
Black lightweight jacket is ideal to wear during the spring or fall. Three pockets are provided as well as adjustable cuffs. An elasticized waistband ensures a snug fit. Five bright colors are embroidered on the front and back.

EMBROIDERED NEW HANGAR FUND DONATION SWEATSHIRT **$69.00** **$73.14 Michigan residents**
Black heavyweight sweatshirt has long sleeves and crew neck. Embroidered on the front and back.

EMBROIDERED DENIM SHIRT **$42.00** **$44.52 Michigan residents**
Can be ordered with long or short sleeves. 100% cotton with button down collar and single pocket. You select the logo that you want embroidered on the left front chest.

EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT **$29.00** **$30.74 Michigan residents**
100% cotton shirt has knit collar, single pocket and wood-tone buttons. You select the logo that you want embroidered on the left chest. Can be ordered in red or navy blue.

EMBROIDERED LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET **$89.00** **$94.34 Michigan residents**
Microfiber jacket has two pockets on the outside and one inside. Sleeves can be adjusted with snaps and the waistband is elasticized. You decide which logo you want embroidered on the left chest. Can be ordered in tan or navy blue.

EMBROIDERED MEMBER HAT **$25.00** **$26.50 Michigan residents**
Our navy blue baseball style cap is a great way to show your pride in being a member. Can be adjusted to any size. *Yankee Air Force* and *Member* are embroidered on the front.

EMBROIDERED B-17 AND B-25 FLIGHT EXPERIENCE HATS **$25.00** **$26.50 Michigan residents**
Baseball style caps are embroidered with the designs shown below. The words *Flight Experience* are embroidered on the left side of both hats. Metal clasp allows size adjustment. B-17 hat is navy blue and the B-25 hat is olive green.

FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW

Order now for **FATHERS DAY!**

CIRCLE the design that you want embroidered on your shirt or lightweight jacket:

CIRCLE the size of shirt or jacket you want to order: Men's Medium Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2XL

CIRCLE the polo shirt color you want: Red or Navy Blue

CIRCLE the lightweight jacket color : Tan or Navy Blue

CIRCLE the denim shirt sleeve length: Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve

CIRCLE B-17 hat or B-25 hat

Please make your check payable to: **YANKEE AIR MUSEUM.** If you have questions about your order, call (248) 474-1000 or e-mail amersilk2@aol.com. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for free delivery.

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East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

www.yankeeairmuseum.org

MAY 2005

Sunday May 1st — **Bugles Across America** Recite our Pledge and hear TAPS **FREE !**
7:15 PM at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville

Saturday May 7th — **Plymouth Historical Society** fundraiser
SALUTE TO THE FLYBOYS OF WW II **$ 35**
featuring Dr. Martin Brosnan, area Tuskegee Airmen,
live 1940s music & entertainment, food, cash bar, raffle & auction
More information: **Plymouth Historical Museum (734) 455-8940**

Monday May 30th — **Memorial Day** Observance 11 AM *ARRIVE EARLY !*
near the former Yankee Hangar site

B-25 & C-47
Dearborn Parade
Memorial Day Fly-By

LOOKING AHEAD

THE WALL

Friday - Sunday
June 3rd - 5th — **Vietnam Veterans Touring Tribute** ***The Wall*** **FREE !**
Opening Ceremony Friday 6 PM - Closing Ceremony Sunday 6 PM

Saturday June 4th — **Vietnam Dinner & Symposium** **$ 50**
Brigadier General **Robin Olds** USAF (Ret.)

WANT TO HELP?

*Contact **Don Brackett (248) 425-2855** or **donb-38@sbcglobal.net***
to volunteer your help hosting the Wall or to offer symposium support
(set-up, ticket-taking, clean-up, take down).

Saturday June 11th — **Wurtsmith Division's *Dick DeYoung Memorial Golf Outing***
9:30 AM Springport Hills Golf Club (989) 362-5740 **$ 75**

Saturday June 11th — **American Aviation Historical Society** 7 PM Hangar 2 **FREE !**
featuring Yankee member **Kim Wahtera** USMC EA-6A ECM pilot in Vietnam

Monday-Sunday
July 25th-July 31st — NEW DAYS! *(Not Tuesday-Monday as years past)*
EAA *AirVenture* 2005 Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Saturday-Sunday
August 6th-7th — ***Thunder Over Michigan***
60th Anniversary of the End of World War II

THUNDER VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP JUNE 25TH

Wednesday
September 7th — Yankee ***GOLF WAR*** scramble fundraiser

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030.** WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org.**

Come join the Yankee Air Force and Plymouth Historical Society in a

SALUTE TO THE FLYBOYS OF WORLD WAR II

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of VE Day: Victory in Europe!

Saturday 7 May 2005

5 PM at the Plymouth Historical Museum
155 South Main Street in Plymouth, Michigan

- Tuskegee Airmen of the Plymouth area
- Dr. Martin Brosnan on the Homefront
- Live 1940s music and entertainment
- Fine foods and cash bar
- Silent auction and raffle

Plymouth Historical Museum
is a replica of Detroit in the 1940s.
They are sharing benefits
of this fundraiser with
Yankee Air Museum.

Tickets: **$35**
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